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TO : Mr. L. R. Houston

DATE: 18 November 1949

FROM : Legal Staff

SUBJECT: Exemption of [REDACTED] from D.C. Jury Duty

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1. The questionnaire received by [REDACTED] is merely a preliminary form sent out by the Jury Commission for the purposes of scheduling available jurors. The "second notice" referred to in the final paragraph of [REDACTED] memorandum of 9 November 1949, apparently is a routine follow-up and is not indicative of an actual call for jury duty or delinquency on the part of Mr. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Personnel Division, has stated that [REDACTED] is probably necessary but not indispensable to the functions of his office. In view of the policy of the District Court in accepting requests for postponement or exemption from jury duty, the question is here raised as to whether [REDACTED] request is a proper one for Agency action.

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3. The revised Administrative Instruction is silent as to the functions of the Legal Staff in these matters, except to state a responsibility for action.

4. For your information, the original estimate of the [REDACTED] case was two weeks by the Department of Justice, and there is no conceivable way of prophesying the period of time which any particular case is liable to consume.

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